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SUBJ: TRIAL OF JDL MEMBERS ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING INCIDENT
AT SOVIET MISSION AND ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF IRAQ MISSION

REF: USUN 3327, 4341 AND 4521

1. ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY JOSEPH JAFFE HAS REQUESTED
OUR ASSISTANCE IN ASKING THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO FURNISH
THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES WHO WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO TESTIFY
SOMETIME AFTER JDL TRIAL COMMENCES ON NOVEMBER 1, 1976.

2. WITNESSES REQUESTED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. SOVIET MISSION SECURITY GUARD VLADIMIR DEMENTREV.
HE WAS ON DUTY IN HALLWAY OF SOVIET RESIDENCE IN RIVERDALE
WHEN SHOTS WERE FIRED INTO HALLWAY ON FEBRUARY 27, 1976:

B. MRS. LIDYA ZINOVATNI, WIFE OF SOVIET MISSION
CHAUFFEUR. MRS. ZINOVATNI WAS ASLEEP WHEN SHOTS WERE
FIRED INTO HER BEDROOM ON APRIL 2, 1976;

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C. ALEKSANDER GUSEV, CHAUFFEUR OF AMTORG. HE FOUND BOMB ON AMTORG STEPS ON MARCH 25, 1976.

3. JAFFE BELIEVES THAT APPARENCE OF WITNESSES AT TRIAL IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN CONVICTION OF JDL MEMBERS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE, IN WHICH USUN STRONGLY CONCURS, THAT EVERY POSSIBLE STEP BE TAKEN TO PERSUADE SOVIETS TO ALLOW THESE INDIVIDUALS TO TESTIFY AT TRIAL.

4. US ATTORNEY FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK IS PREPARED, IF DEPARTMENT DESIRES, TO PUT THESE FACTS IN LETTER, OR TO MAKE WHATEVER OTHER APPROACHES ARE NECESSARY.

5. WE ARE PREPARED TO APPROACH SMUN IN NEW YORK WITH REGARD TO WITNESSES. FROM PAST EXPERIENCE, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT DEPARTMENT'S APPROACH TO SOVIET EMBASSY WOULD BE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE OUR OBJECTIVE.
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